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FOR DIRECTOR, OPERATIONS CENTER

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TAGS: XX, US  
SUBJECT: CURRENT FOREIGN RELATIONS

REF: STATE 282272

1. OFFICERS COUNTRYWIDE ESSENTIALLY AGREE WITH CONCLUSIONS  
IN REFTEL. IN ITS PRESENT FORMAT CFR DOES NOT SERVE  
SUFFICIENT PURPOSE TO JUSTIFY ITS CONTINUATION. HOWEVER,  
WE FEEL THAT AN ATTEMPT SHOULD BE MADE TO DEVELOP A  
PRODUCT THAT WILL SERVE A REAL NEED.

2. CFR IS ONLY JUSTIFIED IF IT PROVIDES SOMETHING  
OTHERWISE UNAVAILABLE. WHAT WOULD BE OF USE TO THE FIELD,  
AND DOUBTLESS TO THE DEPARTMENT AS WELL, WOULD BE "TIMELY,  
HIGH QUALITY ANALYTICAL ARTICLES ON SIGNIFICANT FOREIGN  
POLICY DEVELOPMENTS," OF SUFFICIENTLY CLASSIFIED CONTENT  
AS TO SUPPLEMENT THE WEEKLY NEWS MAGAZINES AND THE  
"HERALD TRIBUNE." RATHER THAN NEWS SUMMARIES, CFR  
CAN BE A SOURCE OF SENSITIVE, DEFINITIVE, 'INSIDE'  
VIEWS OF IMPORTANT EVENTS IN FULL PERSPECTIVE AND THE  
OFFICIAL POSITION TAKEN IN THEIR REGARD. EXAMPLES OF  
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THIS TYPE OF ARTICLE RECENTLY HAVE BEEN THE ASSESSMENT  
OF U-SOVIET RELATIONS IN CFR NO 45 AND THE COVERAGE  
OF THE SHAH OF IRAN'S VISIT IN CFR NO 47.

3. MANY OF US ARE SERVING OUTSIDE OF THE AREA OF OUR  
PRINCIPAL CAREER CONCENTRATION, AND A PUBLICATION LIKE  
CFR SHOULD PROVIDE A MEANS OF KEEPING UP ON BROAD

DEVELOPMENTS IN OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD. WHETHER OR NOT WE HAVE SERVED THERE, IN FACT, WE DO CARE WHAT IS GOING ON IN OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD, AS SEEN BY THE USG, NOT JUST THE MEDIA. AGAIN, SUCH PIECES SHOULD BE GIVEN A UNIQUE PERSPECTIVE, AND ENOUGH CLASSIFIED DEPTH TO MAKE PUBLICATION WORTHWHILE.

4. IF THE MATERIAL IN CFR IS TO BE AS HIGHLY SENSITIVE AND COMPREHENSIVE AS SUGGESTED, THEN THE TELEGRAPHIC FORMAT CAN EASILY BE ABANDONED. TIMELY OR URGENT MATERIAL IS HANDLED BY BACKGROUNDER CABLE; CFR NEED NOT REPEAT THAT FUNCTION. CFR IS MEANT TO BE A MEANS OF MAINTAINING A BROAD AWARENESS OF SUBJECTS OUTSIDE THE OFFICER'S SPECIALTY, SO THAT WE CAN BE MORE KNOWLEDGEABLE AND EFFECTIVE SPOKESMEN IN ANY SITUATION. A PUBLICATION SO FOCUSED ON THE BROAD DEVELOPMENT OF AN OFFICER'S GENERAL KNOWLEDGE OF WORLD AFFAIRS IS NOT SO URGENT THAT A WEEK'S DELAY WILL BE SIGNIFICANT.  
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